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To: All Part D Plan Sponsors

From: Abby L. Block, Director

Center for Beneficiary Choices

Subject: Q&A Addressing Drug Costs Reported On Prescription Drug Events (PDEs)

CMS is looking into the concerns that various parties have put forward regarding the May 19th Q&A on PDE reporting. Given the Bid Submission deadline is Monday, June 5th, Part D plans may submit their bid information as planned prior to the distribution of the Q&A. Upon final CMS review of the matter, it will communicate its findings and will accept revised Bid submissions provided plans can demonstrate how the finding changing the assumptions on which your original bid was based.

Further Information

If you have questions about this Q&A, please contact Meghan Elrington at (410) 786-8675.